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STATE LABOR SUMMARY

NOVEMBER, 1983

NORTH CAROLINA

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TOTAL EMPLOYMENT DECREASES OVER THE MONTH: Total employment in the State experienced a noticeable decline of 16,600 people (-0.6 percent) from the middle of October to the middle of November, 1983. The November, 1983 estimate was 2,733,700. All three of the principal employment sectors sustained losses. The largest drop was seasonal in nature and occurred in agriculture (-14,500 or -21.9 percent). The "all other" nonagricultural sector fell by 1,100 (-0.4 percent) while the nonagricultural wage and salary sector lost 1,000 workers.

MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT FALLS SLIGHTLY IN NOVEMBER: North Carolina's manufacturing employment recorded a small monthly decrease of 500 people (-0.1 percent) to fall to 800,900 in November, 1983. The durable goods segment, however, did experience an overall increase of 2,000 workers (+0.7 percent) as four of its industry groups enjoyed increases. Electrical machinery led the way in durable goods with a net over-the-month gain of 900 persons (+1.7 percent) due to general employment growth throughout the industry. Furniture and fixtures was next, rising by 700 workers (+0.8 percent) over the month due also to general employment gains. On the other hand, the nondurable goods segment suffered a net monthly loss of 2,500 persons (-0.5 percent) due primarily to the seasonal reduction of 2,500 workers (-9.7 percent) in tobacco manufacturing. The rest of the nondurable goods industry groups exhibited modest gains and losses which were offsetting.

NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT INCREASES MODERATELY: Nonmanufacturing employment in the State experienced a gain of 2,900 people (+0.2 percent) from mid-October, 1983, to mid-November, 1983. The November estimate stood at 1,612,900. Several of the industry groups displayed good net monthly growth: construction, +800; trade, +2,100; and government, +3,200. The only significant loss occurred in service and miscellaneous (-3,100) due for the most part to seasonal factors.

MANUFACTURING AND NONMANUFACTURING CLIMB OVER THE YEAR: From November, 1982, to November, 1983, North Carolina's total nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 62,000 workers (+2.6 percent). Manufacturing employment accounted for 30,000 of that increase as a number of its industry groups registered fine gains: furniture and fixtures, +4,200; textiles, +9,700; and apparel, +3,900. Nonmanufacturing employment surged ahead by 32,000 workers with all seven industry groups showing growth. The four largest were the following: construction, +3,600; trade, +11,500; service and miscellaneous, +7,600; and government, +6,400.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT SUSTAINS MONTHLY SURGE: North Carolina's total unemployment was estimated at 230,600 in mid-November, 1983 - a net monthly rise of 7,800 people (+3.5 percent). Consequently, the State's unadjusted rate of unemployment rose from 7.5 percent in October, 1983, to 7.8 percent in November, 1983. The unemployment situation was much worse one year ago (November, 1982) when 271,400 persons were out of work and the rate stood at 9.2 percent. The unadjusted rates of unemployment for the Nation were 8.1 percent in November, 1983; 8.4 percent in October, 1983; and 10.4 percent in November, 1982. The seasonally adjusted rates of unemployment for the United States were 8.4 percent in November, 1983; 8.8 percent in October, 1983; and 10.7 percent in November of 1982.

NORTH CAROLINA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE 1/

NOVEMBER, 1983

ITEM	NUMBER			CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM:			
				OCTOBER, 1983		NOVEMBER, 1982	
	NOVEMBER 2/ 1983	OCTOBER 3/ 1983	NOVEMBER 1982	Net	%	Net	%
Civilian Labor Force	2,964,300	2,973,100	2,946,100	- 8,800	- 0.3	+ 18,200	+ 0.6
Employment, Total	2,733,700	2,750,300	2,674,700	-16,600	- 0.6	+ 59,000	+ 2.2
Agricultural Employment	51,600	66,100	55,400	-14,500	-21.9	- 3,800	- 6.9
Nonag. Wage & Salary Employ. 4/	2,386,500	2,387,500	2,339,700	- 1,000	*	+ 46,800	+ 2.0
All Other Nonag. Employ. 5/	295,600	296,700	279,600	- 1,100	- 0.4	+ 16,000	+ 5.7
Unemployment, Total	230,600	222,800	271,400	+ 7,800	+ 3.5	- 40,800	- 15.0
State Unadjusted Rate	7.8	7.5	9.2	+ 0.3	XXX	- 1.4	XXX
National Rate (Unadjusted)	8.1	8.4	10.4	- 0.3	XXX	- 2.3	XXX
(Seasonally Adjusted)	8.4	8.8	10.7	- 0.4	XXX	- 2.3	XXX

1/ All data revised to reflect 1982 benchmark revisions.
2/ Preliminary estimates.
3/ Revised estimates.
4/ Adjusted to exclude dual jobholders and the effects of worker commuting.
5/ Includes self-employed workers, unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
* Less than 0.05 percent.

HOURLY EARNINGS INCREASE WHILE HOURS WORKED DECLINE: From mid-October to mid-November, 1983, the average hourly earnings of the State's manufacturing production employees rose by 5¢ an hour (+0.7 percent) to $6.77. That figure represented an over-the-year gain of 32¢ an hour (+5.0 percent). The durable goods segment enjoyed a modest net monthly rise of 3¢ an hour (+0.4 percent) to average $6.98 in November, 1983. That was a net yearly increase of 31¢ an hour (+4.6 percent). Electrical machinery was the durable goods industry that registered the largest net over-the-month rise, climbing by 13¢ an hour (+1.6 percent) to reach $8.07. That was followed by transportation equipment, up by 8¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) for a November, 1983, average of $7.69. The nondurable goods segment exhibited a good net monthly increase of 7¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) to rise to $6.66 in November. That average was 33¢ an hour (+5.2 percent) above November of 1982. The nondurable goods category which experienced the largest net over-the-month growth was tobacco manufacturing, increasing by $1.77 an hour (+17.8 percent) to $11.70. This substantial increase was caused by the layoff of lower paid seasonal tobacco processing workers, thus causing the average of the regular factory workers to rise to the level of July, 1983, prior to the hiring of these seasonal workers. Paper and allied products experienced a net monthly increase of 11¢ an hour (+1.1 percent) for a November, 1983, level of $10.54. From the middle of October to the middle of November, 1983, the average weekly earnings of North Carolina's manufacturing production workers inched forward by just 70¢ (+0.3 percent) to $276.22. However, the November, 1983, figure did represent a strong over-the-year gain of $26.60 (+10.7 percent). Average weekly hours were 40.8 in November, 1983, a drop of 0.2 of an hour since October but an increase of 2.1 hours since November, 1982.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX RISES SLIGHTLY: The Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers edged upward to 303.1 in November, 1983, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. That was an over-the-month gain of 0.2 percent plus an over-the-year increase of 3.2 percent. Small monthly increases were evident in several of the principal groups. The cost of medical care rose the most, up by 0.6 percent. Transportation and "other" goods and services followed, each climbing by 0.4 percent from October to November, 1983. Apparel and upkeep remained constant while food and beverages actually declined by 0.1 percent. The purchasing power of the consumer dollar, using 1967 as a base of $1.00, was 33¢ in November, 1983.

THE NUMBER OF JOB APPLICANTS GROWS: As of November 30, 1983, there were 167,848 job applicants registed for work with the local Job Service offices across the State. That was a net gain of 4,641 applicants (+2.8 percent) since September 30, 1983. The largest active applicant sector by age was twenty-two to thirty-nine which had 103,176 or 61.5 percent of the total. The forty to fifty-four year olds were a distant second with 28,600 or 17.0 percent. The smallest segment by age was fifty-five and over with 9,210 or 5.5 percent of the total. Most of the active applicants were females (85,654 or 51.0 percent). The largest ethnic group was white, not Hispanic, which numbered 96,464 or 57.5 percent of the total. The following table provides additional information from North Carolina's active applicant file as of November 30, 1983.

STATEWIDE ACTIVE APPLICANT FILE

November 30, 1983

	Number	Percent
Total	167,848	100.0
Age		
21 and Under	26,862	16.0
22-39	103,176	61.5
40-54	28,600	17.0
55 and Over	9,210	5.5
Sex		
Male	82,194	49.0
Female	85,654	51.0
Ethnic Group		
White, not Hispanic	96,464	57.5
Black, not Hispanic	67,428	40.2
Hispanic	1,069	0.6
American Indian and Alaskan Native	2,022	1.2
Other Races and Undetermined	865	0.5
Eligible Claimant	69,127	41.2
Veteran	26,047	15.5
Handicapped	10,448	6.2
Welfare	18,464	11.0
Seasonal Farmworker	2,813	1.7

NUMEROUS JOB OPENINGS AVAILABLE: During October and November, 1983, 38,332 job openings were received by the Employment Security Commission offices in North Carolina. Most of those jobs were filled (32,333 or 84.3 percent). Farming, fishing, and forestry was the occupational group with the largest number of job openings received, 9,112. Just about all of those were filled (8,888 or 97.5 percent). The service category followed with 5,198 job openings received and 4,153 or 79.9 percent filled. Structural work was a fairly close third with 4,617 job openings received and 3,701 or 80.2 percent filled. The category with the smallest number of job openings received was professional, technical, and managerial with 1,398. Only 42.0 percent (587) became filled. There were 9,868 unfilled nonagricultural job openings on file as of November 30, 1983. A large percentage of those (63.6 percent or 6,278) were classified as hard-to-fill because they have been open for thirty days or more. The next table gives more data on the State's job openings as of November 30, 1983.

STATEWIDE JOB OPENINGS DATA

Occupation	Fiscal Year to Date 1/		Unfilled (Nonag.) As of November 30, 1983	
	Received	Filled	Total	30 Days or More
Prof., Tech., & Mgr.	1,398	587	965	572
Clerical	3,855	2,736	1,240	663
Sales	1,858	1,347	682	439
Service	5,198	4,153	1,615	982
Domestic	488	436	51	37
Other Services	4,710	3,717	1,564	945
Farm., Fish., & Forest.	9,112	8,888	176	63
Processing	1,501	1,432	480	396
Machine Trades	2,784	2,182	1,066	698
Bench Work	3,433	3,142	1,416	1,117
Structural Work	4,617	3,701	1,383	819
Miscellaneous	4,576	4,165	845	529
Motor Freight & Trans.	892	647	240	124
Pkg. & Mat. Hand.	3,543	3,418	553	375
Other	141	100	52	30
Total	38,332	32,333	9,868	6,278

1/ October 1, 1983, through November 30, 1983.

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

NOVEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983 (thous.)	October 1983 (thous.)	November 1982 (thous.)	October 1983	November 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,413.8	2,411.4	2,351.8	+ 0.1	+ 2.6
MANUFACTURING	800.9	801.4	770.9	- 0.1	+ 3.9
DURABLE GOODS	304.4	302.4	288.2	+ 0.7	+ 5.6
Lumber & Wood Products	33.8	33.8	31.2	-0-	+ 8.3
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.2	11.6	- 0.8	+ 4.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.3	8.3	7.5	-0-	+ 10.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.3	3.1	- 4.7	+ 32.3
Furniture & Fixtures	83.5	82.8	79.3	+ 0.8	+ 5.3
Household Furniture	74.8	74.3	70.5	+ 0.7	+ 6.1
Wood Household Furniture	39.1	38.9	37.1	+ 0.5	+ 5.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.7	30.5	28.7	+ 0.7	+ 7.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.6	17.6	15.6	-0-	+ 12.8
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.3	1.8	- 4.3	+ 22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	-0-	+ 14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.1	-0-	+ 9.9
Fabricated Metal Products	23.4	23.4	24.0	-0-	- 2.5
Fab. Structural Metal Products	9.0	9.1	10.1	- 1.1	- 10.9
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.6	51.2	49.8	+ 0.8	+ 3.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	6.9	6.5	+ 1.4	+ 7.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	54.3	53.4	51.5	+ 1.7	+ 5.4
Household Appliances	6.1	6.1	5.7	-0-	+ 7.0
Transportation Equipment	16.6	16.4	14.7	+ 1.2	+ 12.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.7	14.9	14.0	- 1.3	+ 5.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	496.5	499.0	482.7	- 0.5	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	43.2	43.4	42.9	- 0.5	+ 0.7
Meat Products	16.9	17.1	16.9	- 1.2	-0-
Meat Packing Plants	2.8	2.8	2.7	-0-	+ 3.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	-0-	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	-0-	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.8	-0-	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.6	6.6	6.5	-0-	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	23.4	25.9	24.8	- 9.7	- 5.6
Cigarettes	18.7	18.3	19.7	+ 2.2	- 5.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	6.9	4.4	-42.0	- 9.1
Textile Mill Products	228.1	228.1	218.4	-0-	+ 4.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.7	65.5	63.4	+ 0.3	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.8	34.6	34.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.7	30.7	29.1	-0-	+ 5.5
Knitting Mills	77.7	77.6	72.5	+ 0.1	+ 7.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.2	24.0	21.7	+ 0.8	+ 11.5
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.7	21.2	- 0.5	+ 1.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.1	16.0	14.9	+ 0.6	+ 8.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.7	6.6	5.4	+ 1.5	+ 24.1
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.5	15.5	14.7	-0-	+ 5.4
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.1	56.4	55.0	- 0.5	+ 2.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

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INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983 (thous.)	October 1983 (thous.)	November 1982 (thous.)	October 1983	November 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	90.3	90.2	86.4	+ 0.1	+ 4.5
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.6	27.5	27.2	+ 0.4	+ 1.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	44.1	43.9	41.8	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Paper & Allied Products	21.6	22.0	21.6	- 1.8	-0-
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.7	10.8	- 3.7	- 4.6
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.7	6.6	6.3	+ 1.5	+ 6.3
Printing & Publishing	21.8	21.6	21.3	+ 0.9	+ 2.3
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.3	-0-	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.2	36.1	35.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.6	13.5	+ 0.7	+ 1.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.5	26.3	25.5	+ 0.8	+ 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.4	5.4	6.2	-0-	- 12.9
NONMANUFACTURING	1,612.9	1,610.0	1,580.9	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.6	-0-	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	107.1	106.3	103.5	+ 0.8	+ 3.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	116.3	116.4	115.9	- 0.1	+ 0.3
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	57.2	57.3	56.3	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	53.8	53.7	54.2	+ 0.2	- 0.7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	495.3	493.2	483.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade	128.0	129.1	127.1	- 0.9	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.5	74.0	72.0	+ 0.7	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	53.5	55.1	55.1	- 2.9	- 2.9
Retail Trade	367.3	364.1	356.7	+ 0.9	+ 3.0
General Merchandise Stores	57.4	54.7	54.9	+ 4.9	+ 4.6
Variety Stores	14.6	14.2	13.0	+ 2.8	+ 12.3
Food Stores	60.0	60.0	58.4	-0-	+ 2.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.2	100.2	98.0	-0-	+ 2.2
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	370.0	373.1	362.4	- 0.8	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	21.5	21.8	19.5	- 1.4	+ 10.3
Personal Services	23.0	23.1	22.6	- 0.4	+ 1.8
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	10.0	10.1	10.1	- 1.0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	419.1	415.9	412.7	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Federal	49.6	49.5	48.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.6
State	127.5	125.3	125.9	+ 1.8	+ 1.3
Education	69.0	66.9	68.5	+ 3.1	+ 0.7
Other	58.5	58.4	57.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.9
Local	242.0	241.1	238.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Education	140.3	139.8	136.9	+ 0.4	+ 2.5
Other	101.7	101.3	101.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

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November, 1983

(Seasonally Adjusted)

INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983 (Thous)	October 1983 (Thous)	November 1982 (Thous)	October 1983	November 1982
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	2,390.0	2,386.9	2,327.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.7
MANUFACTURING	795.7	796.5	765.4	- 0.1	+ 4.0
DURABLE GOODS	302.4	301.3	286.1	+ 0.4	+ 5.7
Lumber & Wood Products	33.6	33.6	31.0	0	+ 8.4
Sawmills & Planing Mills	12.1	12.3	11.6	- 1.6	+ 4.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	8.3	8.3	7.5	0	+10.7
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	4.1	4.2	3.1	- 2.4	+32.3
Furniture & Fixtures	82.8	82.6	78.6	+ 0.2	+ 5.3
Household Furniture	74.2	74.1	69.9	+ 0.1	+ 6.2
Wood Household Furniture	38.7	38.7	36.7	0	+ 5.4
Upholstered Household Furniture	30.6	30.5	28.6	+ 0.3	+ 7.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	17.5	17.6	15.5	- 0.6	+12.9
Structural Clay Products	2.2	2.3	1.8	- 4.3	+22.2
Concrete, Gypsum, & Plaster Prods.	4.8	4.8	4.2	0	+14.3
Primary Metal Industries	8.9	8.9	8.1	0	+10.0
Fabricated Metal Products	23.1	23.2	23.6	- 0.4	- 2.1
Fab. Structural Metal Products	8.8	9.0	9.9	- 2.2	-11.1
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	51.4	51.4	49.6	0	+ 3.6
Special Industry Machinery	7.0	6.9	6.5	+ 1.4	+ 7.7
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	53.9	52.8	51.1	+ 2.1	+ 5.5
Household Appliances	5.7	5.6	5.3	+ 1.8	+ 7.5
Transportation Equipment	16.6	16.4	14.7	+ 1.2	+12.9
Other Durable Goods 2/	14.6	14.8	13.9	- 1.4	+ 5.0
NONDURABLE GOODS	493.3	495.2	479.3	- 0.4	+ 2.9
Food & Kindred Products	42.9	42.9	42.6	0	+ 0.7
Meat Products	16.8	17.1	16.8	- 1.8	0
Meat Packing Plants	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	+ 3.7
Dairy Products	2.8	2.8	2.9	0	- 3.4
Grain Mill Products	2.4	2.4	2.5	0	- 4.0
Bakery Products	7.9	7.9	7.8	0	+ 1.3
Beverages	6.7	6.7	6.6	0	+ 1.5
Tobacco Manufacturers	21.4	23.0	22.7	- 7.0	- 5.7
Cigarettes	18.7	18.5	19.7	+ 1.1	- 5.1
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	4.0	4.0	2.9	0	+37.9
Textile Mill Products	227.9	228.1	218.1	- 0.1	+ 4.5
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth., & Wool	65.4	65.8	63.1	- 0.6	+ 3.6
Weaving Mills, Cotton	34.6	34.8	33.9	- 0.6	+ 2.1
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	30.5	30.8	28.9	- 1.0	+ 5.5
Knitting Mills	77.9	77.9	72.7	0	+ 7.2
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	24.2	24.1	21.7	+ 0.4	+11.5
Hosiery, NEC	21.6	21.7	21.2	- 0.5	+ 1.9
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	16.1	16.1	14.9	0	+ 8.1
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	6.8	6.7	5.5	+ 1.5	+23.6
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	15.4	15.3	14.6	+ 0.7	+ 5.5
Yarn & Thread Mills	56.0	56.1	54.9	- 0.2	+ 2.0

ESTIMATED WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT IN NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

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INDUSTRY	TOTAL EMPLOYMENT			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983 (Thous)	October 1983 (Thous)	November 1982 (Thous)	October 1983	November 1982
Apparel & Other Textile Products	89.5	89.5	85.6	0	+ 4.6
Men's & Boy's Suits, Coats, & Furnish.	27.3	27.4	26.9	- 0.4	+ 1.5
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	43.9	43.7	41.6	+ 0.5	+ 5.5
Paper & Allied Products	21.6	22.0	21.6	- 1.8	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	10.3	10.7	6.3	- 3.7	+63.5
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	6.7	6.6	8.3	+ 1.5	-19.3
Printing & Publishing	21.7	21.7	21.2	0	+ 2.4
Newspapers	8.7	8.7	8.3	0	+ 4.8
Chemicals & Allied Products	36.4	36.4	35.8	0	+ 1.7
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	13.7	13.7	13.5	0	+ 1.5
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	26.4	26.1	25.4	+ 1.1	+ 3.9
Other Nondurable Goods 3/	5.5	5.5	6.3	0	-12.7
NONMANUFACTURING	1,594.3	1,590.4	1,562.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.1
MINING	4.9	4.9	4.6	0	+ 6.5
CONSTRUCTION	105.7	104.4	102.1	+ 1.2	+ 3.5
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	115.5	115.7	115.0	- 0.2	+ 0.4
Transportation, Exc. Railroad	56.2	56.3	55.3	- 0.2	+ 1.6
Comm. & Electric, Gas, & Sanitary Ser.	54.1	53.9	54.4	+ 0.4	- 0.6
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	487.6	486.7	476.1	+ 0.2	+ 2.4
Wholesale Trade	126.8	125.8	125.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.7
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	74.4	74.0	71.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.5
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	52.4	51.8	54.0	+ 1.2	- 3.0
Retail Trade	360.8	360.9	350.2	- 0.03	+ 3.0
General Merchandise Stores	54.4	54.6	52.0	- 0.4	+ 4.6
Variety Stores	13.9	14.0	12.3	- 0.7	+13.0
Food Stores	59.6	59.5	58.0	+ 0.2	+ 2.8
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	100.7	100.7	98.4	0	+ 2.3
SERVICE & MISCELLANEOUS 4/	372.6	371.2	364.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.1
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	22.3	21.2	20.2	+ 5.2	+10.4
Personal Services	23.4	23.5	22.9	- 0.4	+ 2.2
Laundries, Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	9.9	10.1	10.0	- 2.0	- 1.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	407.3	406.8	401.1	+ 0.1	+ 1.5
Federal	50.3	49.9	49.5	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
State	121.5	121.4	119.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.3
Education	62.3	62.9	61.9	- 1.0	+ 0.6
Other	59.2	58.5	58.0	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Local	235.5	235.5	231.7	0	+ 1.6
Education	132.9	133.0	129.7	- 0.1	+ 2.5
Other	102.6	102.5	102.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Instruments & Related Products and Misc. Manufacturing Industries.
3/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products.
4/ Includes Services, except Domestic; Agri. Services; Forestry & Fisheries.

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES OF NORTH CAROLINA 1/

November, 1983

INDUSTRY	NUMBER OF PRODUCTION WORKERS (Thous.)			PERCENT CHANGE FROM:	
	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982	October 1983	November 1982
MANUFACTURING	641.6	642.5	611.7	- 0.1	+ 4.9
DURABLE GOODS	232.7	230.9	216.9	+ 0.8	+ 7.3
Lumber & Wood Products	29.4	29.3	26.9	+ 0.3	+ 9.3
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	7.4	7.3	6.6	+ 1.4	+ 12.1
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	3.6	3.7	2.6	- 2.7	+ 38.5
Furniture & Fixtures	74.7	74.0	70.2	+ 0.9	+ 6.4
Household Furniture	67.6	67.1	63.1	+ 0.7	+ 7.1
Wood Household Furniture	36.2	35.9	34.1	+ 0.8	+ 6.2
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	14.3	14.3	12.4	0	+ 15.3
Structural Clay Products	1.7	1.8	1.4	- 5.6	+ 21.4
Primary Metal Industries	6.5	6.5	5.7	0	+ 14.0
Fabricated Metal Products	17.1	17.0	17.5	+ 0.6	- 2.3
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	26.7	26.4	25.6	+ 1.1	+ 4.3
Special Industry Machinery	4.7	4.6	4.2	+ 2.2	+ 11.9
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	39.0	38.3	36.2	+ 1.8	+ 7.7
Household Appliances	5.4	5.5	5.1	- 1.8	+ 5.9
Transportation Equipment	13.4	13.3	11.6	+ 0.8	+ 15.5
NONDURABLE GOODS	408.9	411.6	394.8	- 0.7	+ 3.6
Food & Kindred Products	29.3	29.6	29.2	- 1.0	+ 0.3
Meat Products	14.5	14.7	14.5	- 1.4	0
Meat Packing	2.1	2.0	2.0	+ 5.0	+ 5.0
Dairy Products	1.5	1.5	1.5	0	0
Grain Mill Products	1.6	1.6	1.7	0	- 5.9
Bakery Products	4.5	4.5	4.5	0	0
Beverages	2.5	2.5	2.6	0	- 3.8
Tobacco Manufacturers	18.8	21.4	20.3	- 12.1	- 7.4
Cigarettes	15.1	14.7	15.9	+ 2.7	- 5.0
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	3.2	6.1	3.8	- 47.5	- 15.8
Textile Mill Products	203.9	203.9	193.4	0	+ 5.4
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	59.9	59.7	56.6	+ 0.3	+ 5.8
Weaving Mills, Cotton	31.6	31.4	30.3	+ 0.6	+ 4.3
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	28.1	28.1	26.1	0	+ 7.7
Knitting Mills	68.2	68.1	63.3	+ 0.1	+ 7.7
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	21.3	21.2	19.1	+ 0.5	+ 11.5
Hosiery, NEC	19.9	20.0	19.6	- 0.5	+ 1.5
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	13.7	13.7	12.7	0	+ 7.9
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	5.7	5.7	4.4	0	+ 29.5
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	13.1	13.1	12.4	0	+ 5.6
Yarn & Thread Mills	51.7	52.0	50.6	- 0.6	+ 2.2
Apparel & Other Textile Products	78.2	78.1	74.6	+ 0.1	+ 4.8
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	23.7	23.6	23.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	38.2	38.1	36.0	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
Paper & Allied Products	16.4	16.7	16.4	- 1.8	0
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	7.5	7.9	7.9	- 5.1	- 5.1
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	5.2	5.2	4.8	0	+ 8.3
Printing & Publishing	13.1	12.9	12.9	+ 1.6	+ 1.6
Newspapers	3.4	3.3	3.1	+ 3.0	+ 9.7
Chemicals & Allied Products	23.6	23.6	22.7	0	+ 4.0
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	9.7	9.6	9.1	+ 1.0	+ 6.6
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	21.0	20.8	20.0	+ 1.0	+ 5.0
Other Nondurable Goods 2/	4.6	4.6	5.3	0	- 13.2

1/ Current data are preliminary.
2/ Includes Petroleum & Coal Products and Leather & Leather Products
Note: From April, 1981, through March, 1982, "Other Nondurable Goods" was included in "Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products."

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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS, AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS
OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN SELECTED MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES IN SELECTED NONMANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES 1/

NOVEMBER, 1983

INDUSTRY	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982	November 1983	October 1983	November 1982
MANUFACTURING	$ 276.22	$ 275.52	$ 249.62	40.8	41.0	38.7	$ 6.77	$ 6.72	$ 6.45
DURABLE GOODS	287.58	287.04	256.80	41.2	41.3	38.5	6.98	6.95	6.67
Lumber & Wood Products	238.14	236.74	214.82	41.2	41.1	39.2	5.78	5.76	5.48
Millwork, Plywood, & Struct. Members	234.48	236.74	205.52	41.5	42.2	37.3	5.65	5.61	5.51
Wood Bldgs. & Mobile Homes	273.62	273.64	227.91	40.9	40.6	36.7	6.69	6.74	6.21
Furniture & Fixtures	242.19	243.81	211.55	39.9	40.1	36.6	6.07	6.08	5.78
Household Furniture	241.00	244.22	208.42	39.9	40.3	36.5	6.04	6.06	5.71
Wood Household Furniture	237.86	238.21	208.66	40.8	41.0	37.8	5.83	5.81	5.52
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	314.67	316.92	293.54	41.9	42.2	40.6	7.51	7.51	7.23
Structural Clay Products	253.70	252.88	230.57	43.0	42.5	41.1	5.90	5.95	5.61
Primary Metal Industries	336.26	342.50	301.18	43.0	43.3	40.7	7.82	7.91	7.40
Fabricated Metal Products	310.25	319.82	295.65	41.7	42.7	40.5	7.44	7.49	7.30
Machinery, Exc. Electrical	335.12	336.71	304.20	42.1	42.3	39.1	7.96	7.96	7.78
Special Industry Machinery	305.12	310.70	274.12	41.4	42.1	38.5	7.37	7.38	7.12
Electrical & Electronic Equipment	340.55	332.69	304.18	42.2	41.9	39.3	8.07	7.94	7.74
Household Appliances	256.06	260.71	245.50	41.3	42.6	41.4	6.20	6.12	5.93
Transportation Equipment	317.60	316.58	290.16	41.3	41.6	39.0	7.69	7.61	7.44
NONDURABLE GOODS	270.40	268.87	245.60	40.6	40.8	38.8	6.66	6.59	6.33
Food & Kindred Products	246.31	250.48	235.61	39.6	40.4	39.4	6.22	6.20	5.98
Meat Products	203.63	206.98	197.63	37.5	38.4	38.3	5.43	5.39	5.16
Meat Packing	361.71	314.57	347.16	44.6	40.8	44.0	8.11	7.71	7.89
Dairy Products	248.81	254.10	250.43	41.4	42.0	41.6	6.01	6.05	6.02
Grain Mill Products	297.20	307.78	288.00	43.9	44.8	45.0	6.77	6.87	6.40
Bakery Products	270.27	274.56	269.44	41.2	41.6	42.1	6.56	6.60	6.40
Beverages	438.18	449.82	400.87	42.5	44.1	42.6	10.31	10.20	9.41
Tobacco Manufacturers	483.21	389.26	416.23	41.3	39.2	38.9	11.70	9.93	10.70
Cigarettes	553.78	474.35	479.07	42.5	38.1	39.3	13.03	12.45	12.19
Tobacco Stemming & Redrying	172.79	190.68	164.19	36.3	42.0	37.4	4.76	4.54	4.39
Textile Mill Products	249.89	252.74	223.49	41.1	41.5	38.8	6.08	6.09	5.76
Weaving Mills, Cotton, Synth. & Wool	275.56	281.47	245.86	41.5	42.2	39.4	6.64	6.67	6.24
Weaving Mills, Cotton	267.71	280.06	245.46	40.5	41.8	39.4	6.61	6.70	6.23
Weaving Mills, Synthetics	284.38	282.86	245.23	42.7	42.6	39.3	6.66	6.64	6.24
Knitting Mills	223.74	223.74	203.96	39.6	39.6	37.7	5.65	5.65	5.41
Women's Hosiery, Exc. Socks	204.29	202.92	192.24	38.4	38.0	37.4	5.32	5.34	5.14
Hosiery, NEC	213.95	209.28	197.95	38.9	38.4	37.0	5.50	5.45	5.35
Circular Knit Fabric Mills	256.87	261.61	234.04	41.7	42.4	39.6	6.16	6.17	5.91
Warp Knit Fabric Mills	267.54	268.38	222.23	42.4	42.6	37.1	6.31	6.30	5.99
Textile Finishing, Exc. Wool	269.45	271.56	248.88	42.3	42.9	40.8	6.37	6.33	6.10
Yarn & Thread Mills	246.45	248.20	214.01	42.2	42.5	38.7	5.84	5.84	5.53
Apparel & Other Textile Products	186.62	185.76	175.58	38.4	38.3	37.2	4.86	4.85	4.72
Men's & Boys' Suits, Coats, & Furns.	184.26	177.97	175.63	37.0	36.1	36.6	4.98	4.93	4.80
Women's & Children's Outerwear & Undergarments	179.80	179.03	168.09	38.5	38.5	36.7	4.67	4.65	4.58
Paper & Allied Products	463.76	468.31	435.01	44.0	44.9	42.9	10.54	10.43	10.14
Pulp, Paper, & Paperboard Mills	574.27	587.19	536.81	44.9	46.9	45.3	12.79	12.52	11.85
Paperboard Containers & Boxes	333.31	338.35	296.90	44.8	45.6	41.7	7.44	7.42	7.12
Printing & Publishing	284.21	283.11	271.93	38.2	37.9	38.3	7.44	7.47	7.10
Newspapers	268.23	264.88	258.26	34.7	34.4	34.9	7.73	7.70	7.40
Chemicals & Allied Products	370.18	366.33	343.44	41.5	41.3	40.5	8.92	8.87	8.48
Plastics Materials & Synthetics	414.38	416.39	392.60	42.5	42.9	41.9	9.75	9.72	9.37
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	361.65	365.49	304.94	42.9	43.1	38.6	8.43	8.48	7.90
MINING	302.58	301.58	280.06	41.0	41.2	41.8	7.38	7.32	6.70
COMM. & ELEC., GAS, & SANITARY SERVS.	453.46	437.96	406.96	42.3	41.2	41.4	10.72	10.63	9.83
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	191.56	191.81	194.11	33.2	33.3	33.7	5.77	5.76	5.76
Wholesale Trade	277.46	274.25	262.86	39.3	38.9	39.0	7.06	7.05	6.74
Retail Trade	164.95	165.38	165.69	31.3	31.5	31.5	5.27	5.25	5.26
General Merchandise Stores	141.71	144.60	141.36	29.4	30.0	30.4	4.82	4.82	4.65
Variety Stores	116.18	119.19	2/	31.4	31.7	2/	3.70	3.76	2/
Food Stores	185.49	186.62	184.59	31.6	31.9	31.5	5.87	5.85	5.86
SERVICES, Hotels & Other Lodging Places	123.82	124.53	121.18	30.2	30.3	29.7	4.10	4.11	4.08
Laund., Cleaning, & Garment Ser.	170.15	171.82	165.55	35.3	35.5	35.0	4.82	4.84	4.73

1/ Current month data are preliminary.
2/ Information not available.